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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents United States Patent and Trademark Office Box NEW PATENT APPLICATION Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

Now comes Applicant, by counsel, and respectfully submits the following Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 115 in regard to the above-referenced application, filed herewith under 35 U.S.C. 371.

Please amend claims numbered 3, 7, 10-13 and 18-20 and add new claims numbered 21-34, as set forth below in the clean version of all 34 claims numbered 1-34 currently pending in the present case. A marked-up copy of the claims amended hereby showing the changes made is attached hereto. For the purpose of the within Amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that